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AN ARTICLE DESIGN CREATING SYSTEM AND METHOD OF THE SAME
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents cited in the International Search Report and listed on the attached PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the above-referenced application. Copies of the Search Report and listed documents are attached.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration of relevant portions thereof by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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International Search Report from the Japanese Patent Office in the PCT application from which this National Phase U.S. Application is derived, cites the documents, setting forth the relevance thereof.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do constitute "prior art" under United States law, applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

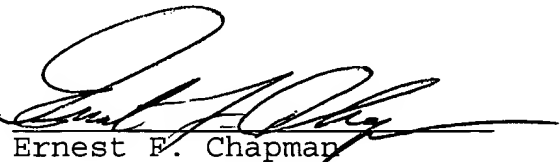
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If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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